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- a. The Party, in the light of information available to it, decided that it was useless to await the results of Mossadeq's meeting with his Cabinet on the morning of 19 August 1953 to discuss ways of checking the Tehran riots. Accordingly, after serious consideration, the Party concluded that an armed revolt was difficult to undertake for the following reasons:¹
- (1) The Party does not yet have sufficient support among the peasantry and the lower class;
 - (2) The total forces of imperialism are ready to attack;
 - (3) Armed Party action would certainly create a "second Korea" and consequently endanger the Soviet Union, because of "Iran's common frontier with the USSR," by enabling the imperialists easily to attack the "world base of peace and democracy."
- b. To avoid such a risk, the Party has decided that the best tactic is to retreat once again.²
- c. It is evident that imperialism will make a decisive attack on the Party. Experience gained in the course of the Party's many years of struggle should be used to prepare for an underground campaign similar to that conducted by the Party after 4 February 1949.³

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- d. Party members must get rid of Party documents that they are holding in their homes, at the soonest possible date.
- e. Comrades engaged in important Party work must frequent the streets as little as possible.

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